

Natural Gas and Oil Programs



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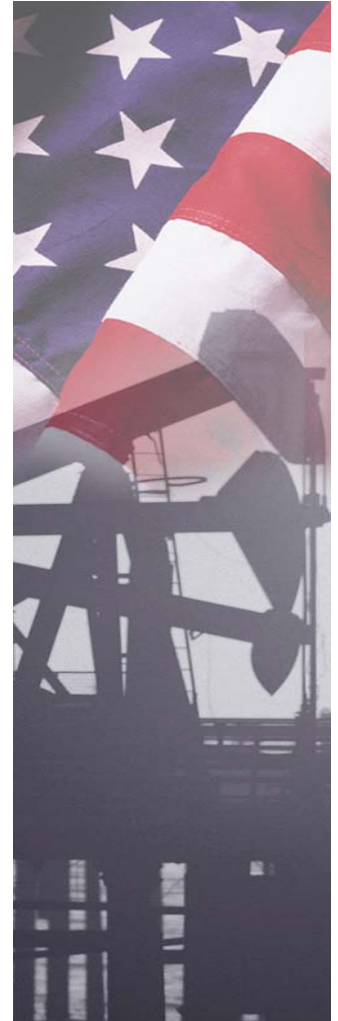


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Oil and Gas Program Provides Value for America

- Natural Gas and Oil are critical to the U.S. economy
- Significant price increases are possible in the future
- New supplies will be more difficult/costly
- Technology development can bring new supplies to the market and improve the environment
- Monumental task requiring many disciplines and a partnership approach



U.S. Gas & Oil Supply Faces Challenges

- **Natural Gas**

- Imports rising (23% of consumption in 2004)¹
- Flat production despite record drilling
- Remaining resource increasingly costly to produce
- 88% of pipeline system installed prior to 1970s²

- **Oil**

- Imports rising (65% now; 77% expected in 2025)³
- Recoverability still low (~30% of in-place resources)

- **Environmental issues**

- Competing land use/access restrictions
- Finding sites for new pipelines/facilities difficult
- More drilling w/today's technology = more impact



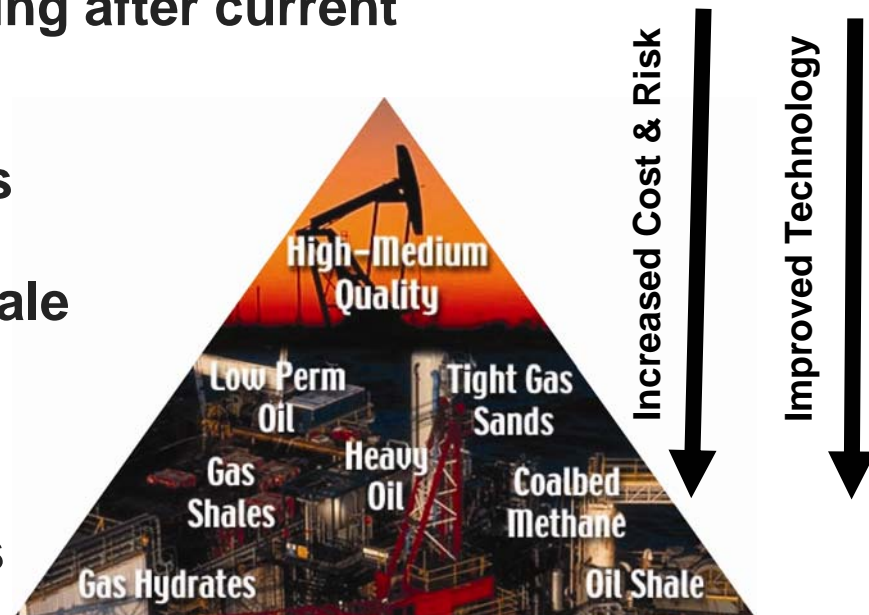
1. DOE EIA Website; 2. NPC 2003; 3. DOE EIA 2005

Vast Domestic Resource Available

More Difficult & Costly to Produce

OIL

- **100's Billion bbl in-place:** Remaining after current recovery methods
 - Awaiting advanced technologies
- **10's Billion bbl in-place: Oil Sands**
 - Awaiting technology development
- **1000's Billion boe in-place: Oil Shale**
 - Economic and environmental hurdles



GAS

- **100's Tcf in-place: Ultra-Deep Gas**
 - Recoverable, but not economic
- **1000's Tcf in-place: Tight Gas Sands**
 - 2% recoverable now; how much higher?
- **100,000's Tcf in-place: Methane Hydrates**
 - Recoverability not established



Strategic Center for Natural Gas & Oil

Implement science and technology programs that resolve the environmental, supply and reliability constraints of oil and natural gas resources and enhance our energy security



- Create public benefits by investing in research that industry would not take on itself
- Deliver a balanced portfolio of technology to:
 - Efficiently produce discovered resources
 - Recover entirely new sources of supply
 - Overcome environmentally-driven policy impediments
 - Reliably and safely deliver to end user

A Multi-discipline, Long-Term, High-Risk, and High-Reward endeavor that will only occur through Federal involvement.



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Outline of R&D Responsibilities

Office of Petroleum



Exploration & Production



Reservoir Life Extension



Petroleum Environmental Solutions

Office of Natural Gas



Exploration & Production



Delivery, Reliability, Storage & LNG



Methane Hydrates

Arctic Energy Office

Petroleum Systems Analysis & Planning



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Natural Gas and Oil Technology Programs

Budget (\$ million)

	FY04	FY05
Exploration and Production	21.6	23.7
Gas Hydrates	9.2	9.4
Infrastructure	8.7	8.4
Effective Environmental Protection	2.4	3.5
<i>TOTAL – NATURAL GAS</i>	<i>41.8</i>	<i>44.8</i>
Exploration and Production	17.9	18.7
Reservoir Life Extension	6.7	5.9
Effective Environmental Protection	9.4	9.3
<i>TOTAL - OIL</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>33.9</i>
<i>TOTAL – NATURAL GAS AND OIL</i>	<i>75.9</i>	<i>78.7</i>

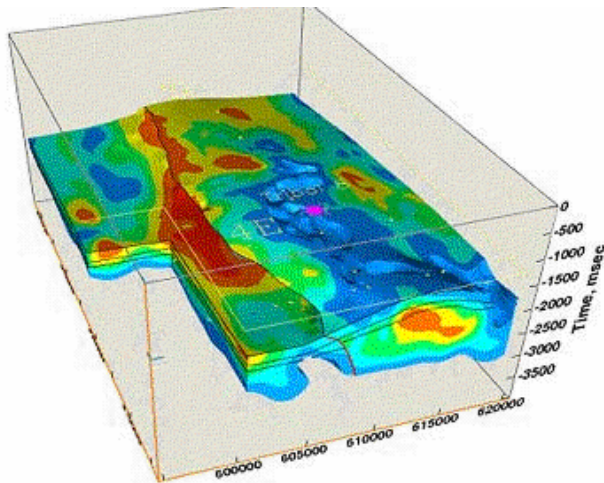


Oil and Gas Exploration & Production

Protecting the Environment while Lowering Costs

- **Drilling, Completion & Stimulation**

- Increase rate of penetration
- More durable tools
- Innovative concepts
- Smarter



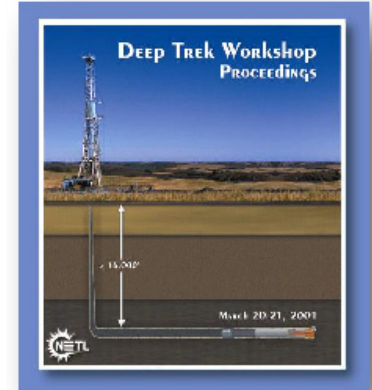
- **Advanced Diagnostics & Imaging Systems**

- Natural fracture detection
- Resource Assessments
- Advanced Seismic



DeepTrek Program

Extreme Tools for Extreme Environments



- **Purpose**

- Develop very deep drilling and completion technologies
- High-temp (450°F), high pressure, hard rock, corrosive environment

- **Projects**

- High-temperature downhole electronics (Honeywell)
- High-temperature/high pressure MWD (Schlumberger)
- Super cement (Cementing Solutions)
- Downhole vibration monitoring & control (APS Technology)
- Advanced bits and fluids benchmarking (TerraTek)

- **Breakthrough**

- New high-temp electronic component developed March 05



Oil and Gas E&P

Helping the Small Producer

- **Stripper Well Consortium**

- Reduce premature abandonment of wells
- 65 members participate in technology development & deployment
- Several new low-cost technologies already introduced



- **Petroleum Technology Transfer Council**

- Assure full utilization of technologies
- 10 regional producer advisory groups
- 150 workshops/year
- 18,000 industry contacts



Reservoir Life Extension Program

Microhole Technologies

Micro-Electromechanical Systems (MEMS)



Micro Drillrig

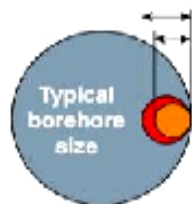


Downhole Systems



Relative Borehole Sizes

2 3/8" DIAMETER
AND SMALLER



- Wellbore one-twentieth that of a typical rig and will cost about 90% less
- Lower environmental impact – 20% reduction in drilling fluids and cuttings
- Change the way we explore for and produce oil and gas



Natural Gas Infrastructure Program

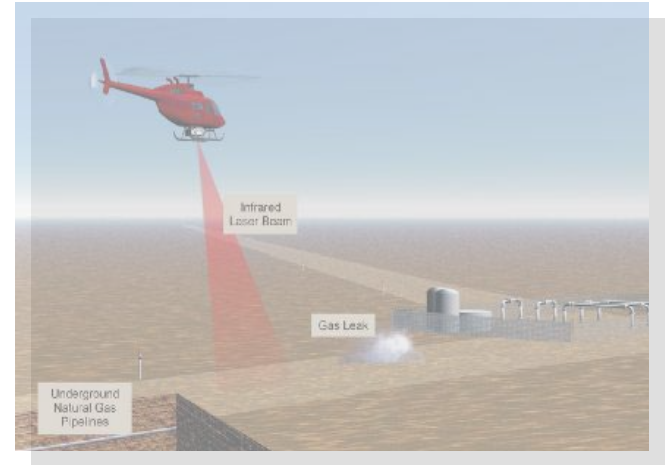
Pipelines & Storage

- **Goals**

- 30% reduction in leaks
- 20% increase in capacity
- Improved environment
- Increased deliverability

- **Activities**

- Remote leak detection
- Internal pipeline inspection
- Improved operational efficiency
- Improved/new storage



Oil and Gas Environmental Program

Technology and policy solutions for environmental barriers that limit domestic production

- **Federal Lands Access**

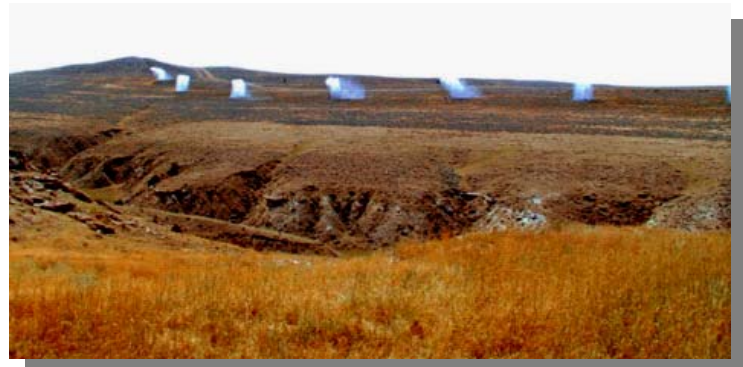
- Reduce permitting Times
- Science-based Stipulations

- **Coal Bed Natural Gas - Water Issues**

- Treatment technologies
- Educational materials

- **Air and Water Emissions**

- Treatment technologies
- Measurement techniques
- Streamline permitting
- Educational materials



Methane Hydrates



- **Program addresses**
 - Safety & seafloor stability
 - Global climate impacts
 - Production technologies

- **Huge resources:**
 - 200,000 Tcf domestic gas-in-place
 - *If 1% can be rendered economic will double nation's supply of gas*
- **Sustainable energy future**
 - Gas becomes key transition fuel
 - Improved economy
 - Reduced dependence on foreign energy





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Natural Gas Leak Detection Technology Demonstration September 13-17

A real-world demonstration of the capabilities of newly developed natural gas leak detection technologies will take place during a series of round robin tests to be held during the week of September 13-17, 2004 at the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center (RMOTC) in Casper, WY. The tests are sponsored by the US Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL).
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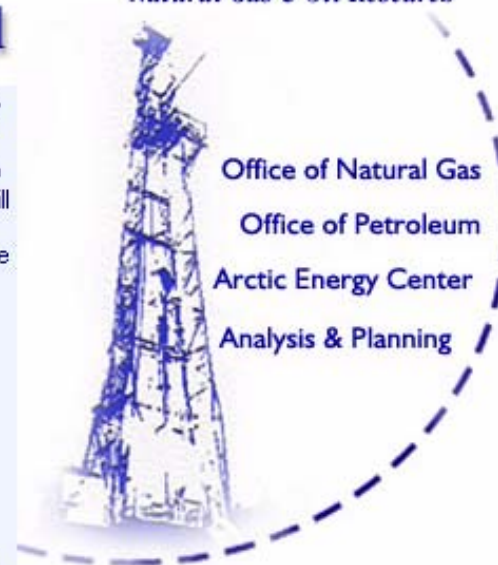
NETL Microhole Technologies Project Nominated as a Finalist in "New Horizons Idea" category of annual World Oil Awards!

Technologies selected for this award are recognized as representing "break-through thinking that will help guide the next generation of the world oil industry"
[Read more!](#) [PDF-87KB]

Meeting Future Demands for Natural Gas in South-Central Alaska...

A DOE report finds that further development of Cook Inlet Basin gas fields and a new spur pipeline could provide needed natural gas to south-central Alaska.... [Download Study](#) [4MB PDF]

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